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What is claimed is:

- A radiation sensitive resin composition for forming barrier ribs for an EL display element, comprising:
 - (A) an alkali soluble resin,
- (B) a polymerizable compound having an ethylenically 5 unsaturated bond, and
 - (C) a radiation sensitive polymerization initiator.
 - The radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1 2. which further comprises (D) a colorant.
 - 3. The radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1 or 2, wherein the alkali soluble resin (A) is a novolak resin, a homopolymer of a radical polymerizable monomer having a phenolic hydroxyl group or carboxyl group, a copolymer of the radical polymerizable monomer and another radical polymerizable monomer, or a copolymer of at least one selected from the group consisting of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and unsaturated carboxylic anhydride, an epoxy groupcontaining unsaturated compound and another olefinic unsaturated compound other than these unsaturated compounds.
 - A barrier rib for an EL display element which is formed from the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1.
 - A barrier rib for an EL display element formed from the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 2.
 - The barrier rib for an EL display element according to 6. claim 5 which has an OD value of 0.1 or more with a film thickness of 1 µm.
 - The barrier rib for AR EL display element according to 7. claim 4 or 5 which has a trapezoidal cross sectional form

with the longer top/side than the bottom side and an angle formed by a straight line connecting the upper pattern edge and the lower pattern edge and the top side of 15 to 75°.

- The barrier rib for an EL display element according to 5 claim 4, wherein the amount of a volatile component generated by heating from 25°C to 200°C is 10 % or less of the weight of the barrier rib.
- 10 9. An EL display element comprising the barrier ribs of claim 4 or 5.
 - Use of the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1 for the formation of barrier ribs for an EL display element.
 - Use of the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 2 for the formation of barrier ribs for an EL display element.

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